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ALLOTMENT OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections allotted in the country during the period from April, 2004 to December, 2004;

(b) the number of mobile phones out of them;

(c) the number out of these phones allotted in the rural areas; and

(d) the name of the company whose share has been maximum?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Total telephone connections provided in the country from April, 2004 to December, 2004 are 1,63,52,229 by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Private Operators.

(b) Out of these, 1,40,86,918 are Mobile telephones.

(c) 7,65,216 phones have been provided in rural areas during this period.

(d) BSNL is the main company whose share has been the highest at 22.87% of total telephones.